

Wired For Worship

"Pleasing God", Part 1 of 6

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"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD."

(Psalm 150:6)

All creation has the propensity and longing to worship someone or something...

The question that looms in front of us is, "To whom do we give our worship?"

1) WORSHIP INVOLVES OUR ENTIRE BEING: SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY.

Spirit (John 4:23-24), Soul (Psalms 103:1-4), and Body (Psalms 47:1)

2) UNDERSTAND THE THREE LEVELS OF WORSHIP:

(Psalm 95: 1-6)

- 1) Thanksgiving - thanking God for the things He has given you
- 2) Praise – declaring and honoring God for what He can do and His mighty acts
- 3) Worship - acknowledging and revering God for Who He is

3) AT THE CORE OF OUR EXISTENCE IS THE DESIRE TO WORSHIP GOD NO MATTER THE SITUATION OR CONDITION.

4) GOD LOVES WORSHIP AND HE IS LOOKING FOR ALL-OUT WORSHIPPERS...

5) WE ARE CALLED TO BE PRIESTS AND TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES.

(1 Peter 2: 4 & 5, NIV)

Acceptable sacrifices must come from a sincere heart and it must cost you.

- 5) Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
- 6) Sacrifice of Joy
- 7) Sacrifice of Praise
- 8) Sacrifice of a Broken and Contrite Heart

6) WE MUST CONTINUE TO VALUE INSPIRATIONAL AND SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP THROUGH:

- 4) Elements of Worship
- 5) Expressions of Worship
- 6) Excitement of Worship

7) WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE COMPETING FACTORS FOR OUR WORSHIP.

8) OUR CORPORATE WORSHIP ON EARTH IS A FORETASTE OF WORSHIP IN HEAVEN...

May nothing in this life be given the worship due to our God.